

In the Claims:

1. Please delete claims 7 and 12-13.
2. Please amend claims 1-6, 8-11, and 14-18 as follows.

1. (Amended) A skateboard comprising:

an elongated deck having a bottom surface, a first end, a second end, and an outer margin;

an elongated slide plate with a top surface, a first end region, and a second end region, said first end region and said second end region having at least one hole;

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a first truck having a mounting base and a second truck having a mounting base, said mounting base of said first truck mounted to said bottom surface of said elongated deck through said at least one hole of said first end region of said elongated slide plate near said first end of said elongated deck and said mounting base of said second truck mounted to said bottom surface of said elongated deck through said at least one hole of said second end region of said elongated slide plate near said second end of said elongated deck whereby said slide plate is mounted in position between said mounting bases of said first truck and said second truck and said bottom surface of said elongated deck with said top surface of said elongated slide plate in contact with said bottom surface of said elongated deck within said outer margin of said elongated deck; and

a first pair of wheels and a second pair of wheels, said first pair of wheels mounted to said first truck and said second pair of wheels mounted to said second truck whereby said skateboard will roll lengthwise on a surface.

2. (Amended) The skateboard of claim 1 in which said elongated slide plate is constructed of resilient plastic materials selected from the group consisting of acrylic, nylon, polycarbonate, polyester, polyethylene, polypropylene, polystyrene, polyurethane, and polyvinyl chloride.

3. (Amended) The skateboard of claim 2 in which said elongated slide plate is of a thickness between about 0.10 and about 0.33 inches.

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4. (Amended) The skateboard of claim 3 in which said elongated slide plate further comprises a first end margin, a second end margin, and two side margins, said mounting base of said first truck further comprises an end-wise margin said end-wise margin facing said first end of said elongated deck, and said mounting base of said second truck further comprises an end-wise margin said end-wise margin facing said second end of said elongated deck.

5. (Amended) The skateboard of claim 4 in which said elongated slide plate is of the same width as said mounting surfaces of said first and said second truck whereby said two side margins of said elongated slide plate mount said mounting surfaces of said first and said second truck.

6. (Amended) The skateboard of claim 5 in which the length of said elongated slide plate is equivalent to the distance between said end-wise margin of said mounting base of said first truck and said end-wise margin of said mounting base of said second truck whereby said

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first end margin of said elongated slide plate mounts flush with said end-wise margin of said mounting base of said first truck and said second end margin of said elongated slide plate mounts flush with said end-wise margin of said mounting base of said second truck.

8. (Amended) A skateboard comprising:

an elongated deck with a bottom surface and an outer margin;

an elongated slide plate having an upper surface, a lower surface, a first end, and a second end, said elongated slide plate having at least one mounting hole near said first end and at least one mounting hole near said second end;

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two trucks, each truck having a mounting surface, each of said mounting surfaces having an opposing end, one of said two mounting surfaces attached to said bottom surface of said elongated deck through said at least one mounting hole near said first end of said elongated slide plate with said opposing end of said mounting surface oriented to said first end of said elongated slide plate and one of said two mounting surfaces attached to said bottom surface of said elongated deck through said at least one mounting hole near said second end of said elongated slide plate with said opposing end of said mounting surface oriented to said second end of said elongated slide plate, said elongated slide plate being fixed into position between said mounting surfaces of said two trucks and said bottom surface of said elongated deck with said upper surface of said elongated slide plate in contact with said bottom surface of said elongated deck within said outer margin of said elongated deck; and

four wheels, two of said four wheels attached to one of said two trucks and two of said four wheels attached to the other of said two trucks whereby said skateboard will roll lengthwise.

a4 9. (Amended) The skateboard of claim 8 in which said elongated slide plate is of a width equivalent to the width of said mounting surfaces of each of said two trucks and of a length equivalent to the span between said opposing ends of each of said mounting surfaces of said two trucks.

10. (Amended) The skateboard of claim 9 in which said elongated slide plate is constructed of resilient plastic materials selected from the group consisting of acrylic, nylon, polycarbonate, polyester, polyethylene, polypropylene, polystyrene, polyurethane, and polyvinyl chloride.

11. (Amended) The skateboard of claim 10 in which said elongated slide plate is of a thickness between about 0.10 and about 0.33 inches.

a5 14. (Amended) A slide plate for use on a conventional skateboard having a deck with a bottom surface and two trucks, each of said two trucks having a mounting base with an end margin and two wheels, each of said two trucks mounted at said mounting base on opposite end regions of said bottom surface of said deck by mounting bolts with said end margin of each of said mounting bases facing its respective end of the deck, the slide plate comprising:

an elongated plate with a first end and a second end; and

a plurality of mounting holes through said first and second ends of said elongated plate whereby said elongated plate can be mounted between said bottom surface of said deck and said mounting bases by said mounting bolts.

Q5 15. (Amended) The slide plate of claim 14 in which said elongated plate is of a width equivalent to the width of said mounting bases and of a length equivalent to the span between said end margins of each of said mounting bases whereby said elongated plate mounts flush under said mounting bases of said two trucks.

16. (Amended) The slide plate of claim 15 in which said elongated plate is constructed of resilient plastic materials selected from the group consisting of acrylic, nylon, polycarbonate, polyester, polyethylene, polypropylene, polystyrene, polyurethane, and polyvinyl chloride.

17. (Amended) The slide plate of claim 16 in which said elongated plate is of a thickness between about 0.10 and about 0.33 inches.

18. (Amended) The slide plate of claim 17 in which said elongated plate is about 0.25 inches thick.